

Application No. 10/506,676
Reply to Office Action of September 28, 2005

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5 and 12 have been canceled. Claims 3, 4, 6-11 and 13 -26 are active in the present application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The present invention relates to bisphosphines, to a process for making the same and to the use thereof in the preparation of Group VIII metal catalysts.

Applicant's representative wishes to thank the Examiner for the indicated allowance of the subject matter of Claim 3 in this application in a recent telephonic discussion.

Applicant accepts the offer. Claim 3 has been amended by being placed in independent form. Further, process Claim 4, metal complex Claim 11 and process Claim 18 have been limited to the scope of the phosphine as claimed in Claim 3. Entry of the amended claims into the record is respectfully requested.

It is believed that the application is in proper condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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